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Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Preliminary to examination of this application, please add new claims 13 - 30 which correspond to claims allowed during prosecution of the corresponding Canadian application.

**In the Claims**

13. A wash-off containment and recirculating apparatus for use in association with a concrete truck having a mixing drum and a discharge chute, said apparatus comprising a container comprising an open upper end, a screen removably positionable within the container and an outlet located in a lower portion of the container below the screen, characterized in that said container is removably mountable on the end of said discharge chute and said apparatus further comprises:

- (a) a pump mountable on said truck;
- (b) a first hose portion connectable to said outlet; and
- (c) a second hose portion in communication with said first hose portion and having an open end emptying into said mixing drum;

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